



Pre-Occupational Therapy Preparation

The Master of Science in Occupational Therapy degree program is designed to lead to professional licensure in occupational therapy. While there is a national professional exam, the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) examination, associated with occupational therapy licensure, specific licensure requirements still vary from state to state. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports an estimated 21% increase in projected employment growth for occupational therapists through 2026. Norwich curriculum prepares students in many content areas that are necessary for successful admission into an occupational therapy master's or doctoral program. Always consult the admission requirements for your focal schools. Students should maintain a grade point average between 3.4-4.0 with a high Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score. Most programs also require 45+ experience hours in the field of healthcare (preferably occupational therapy, either actual or through observation). Below are the requirements to be considered for admission to such OT programs. Occupational therapy programs do not favor a particular major. A major should be chosen completely on the student's interests and goals. Neuroscience, health science, or psychology, are a few programs of study to consider.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Additional coursework in humanities and social sciences is often required. Check with your destination program.

ENGLISH

EN 110 Writing and Inquiry I
EN 111 Writing and Inquiry II

MATH**

**MA 232 Elementary Statistics

CHEMISTRY

CH 103/L General Chem. I w/Lab
CH 104/L General Chem. II w/Lab

BIOLOGY

BI 101/L Principles of Biology I w/Lab
BI 102/L Principles of Biology II w/Lab
BI 215/L Human Anatomy & Phys. I w/Lab
BI 216/L Human Anatomy & Phys. II w/Lab

PSYCHOLOGY

PY 211 Introduction to Psychology
PY 212 Abnormal Psychology
PY 220 Developmental Psychology

HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

*HHPR 365 Kinesiology

PHYSICS

PS 201/L or PS 211/L General Physics I w/Lab
University Physics I w/Lab

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** Note: OT math requirements vary. Check with your destination program.